



Washington Weekly

This Week In Congress



**13TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
OF MICHIGAN**

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This E-Newsletter is a weekly summary of the events taking place in the United States Congress that affect the State of Michigan and primarily Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

Legislative Action From the Week Of 2/27/06

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- H.R. 1096 Establishing the Thomas Edison National Historical Park
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H.Con.Res.335 Commemorating the NAACP's 97th Anniversary

This resolution recognizes the 97th anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and honors the organization for its work to ensure equality for all people. This measure was agreed to by a voice vote.

H.R. 1096 Establishing the Thomas Edison National Historical Park

This bill establishes the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historical Site. This redesignation includes all property in the current site as well as any property acquired by the Interior Department before enactment of this measure, and property authorized to be acquired for inclusion in the park after the enactment of this bill. The measure also repeals the law (PL 87-628) that established the Edison National Historic Site. I voted in favor of this bill, which passed the House by a vote of 399 to 1.

H.R. 1259 Awarding a Congressional Gold Medal to the Tuskegee Airmen

This bill authorizes the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces. I supported this measure, which passed unanimously.

H.R. 1728 Authorizing the French Colonial Heritage National Historic Site Study

The legislation authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the French Colonial Heritage Area in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System. It requires the study to consider any impact that such a designation would have on privately owned land surrounding the area. This measure passed the House by a voice vote.

H.R.2872 Creating a Louis Braille Commemorative Coin

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Bush Budget Unfair to America's Families

Helpful Resources

Directory of Homeownership Assistance in the Detroit Area
Printable booklet of homeownership resources.

Medicare's New Prescription Drug Plans
Printable handout with important facts to help you understand the program.

Energy Saving
Brief compilation of tips and tricks to help your energy efficiency in both your home and on the road.

This bill directs the Treasury Department to produce \$1 coins bearing the image of Louis Braille, the inventor of Braille code on one side. The reverse side will emphasize Braille literacy and include the word "Braille" in Braille code. This legislation also authorizes the department to use one U.S. Mint facility to strike these coins and only issue these coins during a one-year period beginning on January 1, 2009. This measure passed the House by a voice vote.

H.Res.357 Honoring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

This resolution honors Justice Sandra Day O'Connor upon her retirement from the Supreme Court, and commends her for her work in the practice of law. It also recognizes her as a pioneer for women in the legal profession. I supported this measure, which passed unanimously.

H.Res.677 Recognizing the Creation of the NASCAR/HBCU Consortium

This resolution recognizes the alliance created by the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, Inc. (NASCAR) and a consortium of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). It commends their efforts to increase the number and quality of job opportunities offered to African American students in key racing and other related automotive business activities. The measure also encourages the Education and Labor departments and other related, federal government agencies to support this effort. This resolution passed the House by a voice vote.

H.Res.668 Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Texas Western's NCAA Championship

This resolution celebrates the 40th anniversary of Texas Western's (later renamed the University of Texas at El Paso) 1966 NCAA Basketball Championship, which was won by the first all-black starting line-up to play in a national championship contest. It also recognizes the groundbreaking impact of the title game victory on diversity in sports and civil rights in the United States. I supported this measure, which passed the House unanimously.

To read more about these measures, or any other legislation, please visit the Library of Congress' legislative information site at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

In the District

Congresswoman Kilpatrick Encourages Students to Develop a Love of Reading

Congresswoman Kilpatrick stressed the importance of reading to students at Sherrill School in Detroit. The visit was part of the National Educational Association's (NEA) Read Across America, an annual reading awareness program that encourages children to celebrate reading. Congresswoman Kilpatrick read *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss to

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about 30 students, who promised to be open-minded and to try new things. The students also shared their career goals with Congresswoman Kilpatrick, who encouraged them to strive for excellence. Congresswoman Kilpatrick gave all the students a bookmark inscribed with the phrase "Readers are Leaders."

News You Can Use

Congresswoman Kilpatrick Offers Scholarship Opportunity for Ninth Year

Applications for the 2006 Congressional Black Caucus Spouses Scholarship are available in Congresswoman Kilpatrick's district offices in Detroit and Wyandotte. The scholarship program is open to students in Michigan's 13th District, which includes Ecorse, the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, Lincoln Park, River Rouge, Wyandotte, and more than half of Detroit. High school seniors or full-time undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral students with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 are eligible to apply. Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2006, and should be sent to the Scholarship Selection Committee, 1274 Library Street, Suite 1B, Detroit, MI 48226. Complete scholarship guidelines and applications are also available at the CBC Foundation's website, www.cbcfinc.org/.

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This Month Is...

Women's History Month

Celebrate the achievements of women who have changed the world. This year's theme, "Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams," honors the spirit of possibility and hope set in motion by generations of women in their creation of communities and their encouragement of dreams. Reflect upon the many contributions women like Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Maya Angelou, Oprah Winfrey, Sacajawea, and Romana Bañuelos made to improve the quality of life for people in our society. To obtain more information and to see a list of events taking place across the country, visit the National Women's History Project website at www.nwhp.org.

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